



# CALIFORNIA STATE THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER

## 24-HOUR REPORT

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### (U) CALIFORNIA

#### (U) Fremont – Police Investigate Bomb Threats at Multiple Schools

(U) The Fremont Police Department are investigating bomb threats to multiple schools across the city. Anonymous bomb threats were sent via email to 13 schools in the Fremont Unified School District overnight, police said. The police department's school resource officer team is working with the district to conduct security checks at each campus. The threats are not believed to be credible, police said. No students are on the campuses as the district is conducting distance learning for all classes and students. SOURCE: 27 August 2020, [NBC Bay Area](#)

#### (U) Los Angeles – Convicted Terrorist Accused of Drug Trafficking

(U) Drug trafficking charges have been leveled against a Garden Grove man previously convicted of leading a terrorist organization that planned attacks on military installations and synagogues in Los Angeles, officials said. Ahmed Binyamin Alasiri, also known as Kevin Lamar James, 44, of Garden Grove, was arrested and indicted by a federal grand jury on suspicion of two felony counts of distribution of methamphetamine. The defendant allegedly sold a total of two pounds of methamphetamine for \$7,400 to his housemate, an undercover FBI employee, on 24 July and 6 August, according to court documents. SOURCE: 27 August 2020, [Mercury News](#)

#### (U) Sacramento – Vandalism, Fires Reported as Crowd Marched Through Downtown

(U) More than 150 people gathered in Cesar Chavez Plaza before marching through downtown Sacramento. The event, called Solidarity with Kenosha, was organized by activists to protest the police shooting of Jacob Blake in Wisconsin. People began gathering at the park around 8 p.m. The event flyer told people to wear black and masks. The crowd rallied for about an hour before they began marching to Sacramento City Hall, the California Capitol, the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office, the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office and other places. SOURCE: 27 August 2020, [KCRA3](#)

### (U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

#### (U) Arizona – Yuma Sector Arrests Three with Methamphetamine, Currency, Fentanyl, and a Firearm

(U) Yuma – Wellton Station agents arrested three US citizens after finding methamphetamine, cash currency, fentanyl, and a firearm in their vehicle. US Customs and Border Protection Agents referred a vehicle to secondary inspection due to a canine alert. There agents discovered marijuana, fentanyl, nearly \$10,000 in US currency, and a Taurus G3 pistol. The methamphetamine weighed 1.21-pounds with an estimated street value of \$4,000 and the fentanyl weighed a quarter-pound with an estimated street value of \$3,500. SOURCE: 27 August 2020, [CBP](#)

#### (U) California – Panga Boat Washes Ashore at Local Beach

(U) La Jolla – A panga-type vessel carrying 14 immigrants was ditched Thursday at Black's Beach in La Jolla, US Border Patrol officials say. Nine men and five women were detained by federal agents after the boat washed ashore at about 11:20 a.m., according to the agency. Authorities said all detainees claimed

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to be nationals and citizens of Mexico. Although the agency said daytime crossings are exceedingly rare, several such occurrences have been reported locally in recent weeks. On Monday, another panga was reported as coming ashore at Stonesteps Beach in Encinitas, leading 13 others to be detained by federal officials.

SOURCE: 27 August 2020, [Fox 5](#)

### (U) NATIONAL

#### **(U) District of Columbia – 280 Cryptocurrency Accounts Tied to North Korean Hacks**

(U) Washington – The US government sought to seize 280 cryptocurrency accounts it said were used by North Korean hackers who stole millions of dollars of cryptocurrency from two virtual exchanges and used Chinese traders to launder their funds. The US Department of Justice filed a civil forfeiture complaint after having in March charged two Chinese nationals with laundering more than \$100 million in cryptocurrency on behalf of North Korea.

SOURCE: 27 August 2020, [Reuters](#)

#### **(U) Minnesota – Woman Pleads Guilty to Attempting to Provide Material Support to Al-Qa'ida**

(U) Minneapolis – Tnuza Jamal Hassan, 22, has pleaded guilty to attempting to provide material support to a terrorist group. While a freshman at St. Catherine University, she wrote and sent a letter to two other students to encourage them to join al-Qa'ida. In September of 2017, she bought a ticket for a flight from Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport to Dubai, United Arab Emirates and another plane ticket for a flight from Dubai to Kabul, Afghanistan. She took the flight to Dubai but was unable to continue her journey to Kabul because she did not have a travel visa. Hassan later admitted she went because she wanted to join al-Qa'ida and had no plans to return to the US.

SOURCE: 26 August 2020, [Fox 9](#)

#### **(U) Texas – Suspect on FBI Most-Wanted List Arrested**

(U) Dallas – A taxi driver wanted on suspicion of murdering his teen daughters has been arrested after 12-years on the run. The suspect took his teen daughters for a ride in his taxicab, on the pretext of taking them for a meal, the FBI alleges. He drove them to Irving, Texas, where he allegedly shot both girls inside the taxicab. They both died of multiple gunshot wounds. The Egyptian-born suspect was placed on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted Fugitives in 2014. He was taken into custody in Justin, Texas, along with two relatives.

SOURCE: 27 August 2020, [BBC](#)

### (U) INTERNATIONAL

#### **(U) Canada – 'Extremist Travelers' A Significant Concern, RCMP Says After ISIS-Related Arrest**

(U) Toronto – Extremists who have taken part in terrorist activities overseas remain a "significant concern," the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) said as a Toronto-area woman appeared in court to face charges she attempted to join the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS). Haleema Mustafa, 23, has remained in custody on two counts of terrorism, including leaving Canada to participate in terrorist activities. The RCMP said Mustafa was alleged to have flown to Turkey last year with her husband, Ikar Mao, who was charged in December 2019 with attempting to join ISIS in Syria.

SOURCE: 27 August 2020, [Global News](#)

#### **(U) Mali – Militants Kill Four Soldiers in Ambush**

(U) Bamako – Four Malian soldiers were killed and 12 wounded after militants ambushed a military anti-poaching patrol, the army said. Islamist groups with links to al-Qa'ida and ISIS operate in central and

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northern Mali, using the area as a base to attack soldiers and civilians in neighboring Burkina Faso. Reinforcements have been sent to the area of the attack, the army said in a statement.

SOURCE: 27 August 2020, [Reuters](#)

### **(U) New Zealand – Mosque Shooter Sentenced to Life in Prison**

(U) Christchurch – Brenton Tarrant, 29, was sentenced to life-in-prison with no chance of parole after pleading guilty to murdering 51 Muslim worshipers at two Christchurch mosques in 2019. The Australian citizen also pleaded guilty to 40 counts of attempted murder and one charge of terrorism, he is the first person in New Zealand's history to be convicted of that crime.

SOURCE: 27 August 2020, [CNN](#)

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